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11. (S) In response to reftel, post provides its evaluations of the following FY-07 Section 1206 proposals applicable to Tunisia. Post notes that it shared these views directly with EUCOM via SVTCs on December 18 and 19, 2006. Post thanks NEA/MAG for facilitating these discussions.

12. (S) Post views on Tunisia-specific 1206 proposals:

- Improve Partner National Intelligence: The proposal as written is not appropriate for the Tunisian Ministry of National Defense (MOD), which does not have a domestic intelligence responsibility. Further, the Tunisian military has received similar training through IMET. If at a future date the program were expanded to counterterrorism analysis and image interpretation training, Post might be willing to consider Tunisian participation in these elements of the program.

- Civil Military Support Elements: Post understands from EUCOM LTC Randy Horton that this program is now targeting Sahel countries only. As written, this program is not appropriate for Tunisia. However, post notes that the Tunisian MOD's has expressed an interest in developing its disaster relief skills. Post would be interested in this proposal in the future if it were expanded at a later date to include a disaster relief component. (NOTE: In FY-06, Post ODC facilitated meetings between Wyoming and GOT disaster relief officials, in the context of the State Partnership Program, and is continuing to support this exchange. END NOTE.)

- African Maritime Security Capability and Capacity Improvements: Post believes that the shore-based Automated Identification Systems (AIS) sets, which are part of this proposal, would be appropriate for Tunisia.
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